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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response is being filed responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2006, for which a response was due April 6, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a request for a one-month extension of time, along with the required fee, making the due date for response May 6, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

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